

Hernia Mesh Lawsuit In Canada

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About This Presentation

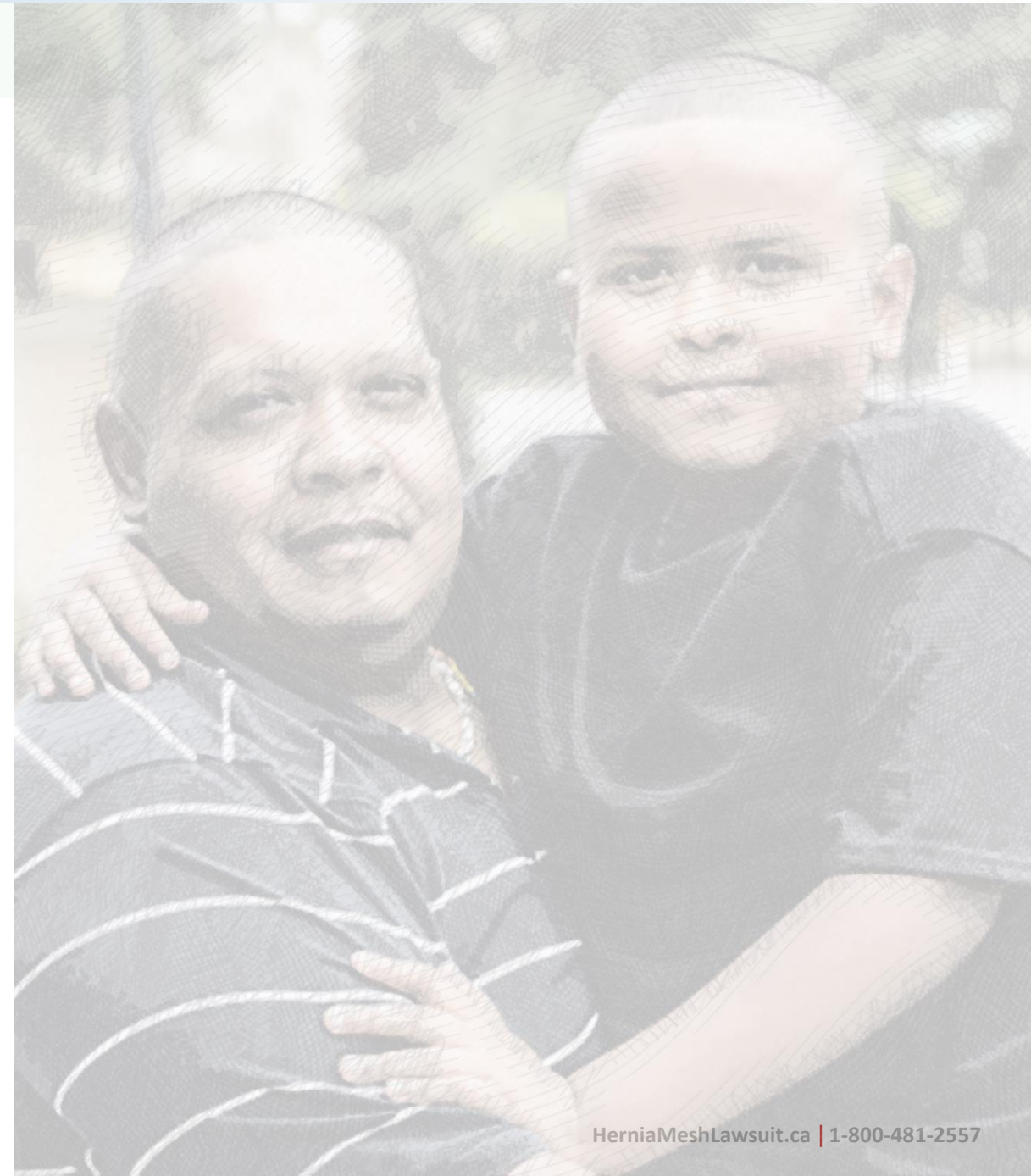
This presentation is intended to help inform, educate and empower victims and survivors, families of individuals who have been hurt or who are deceased, and the medical community about the state of hernia mesh lawsuits in Canada.



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Have you or a loved one had hernia mesh implanted specifically for hernia repair, had serious complications (infections, wound reopening, chronic pain, bowel obstructions), or had revision or repair surgery? You may be a victim of a product that was defectively designed.

You may be entitled to compensation.



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- **Once implanted** into a person's body, **remedial surgeries are risky** and some victims **never fully recover** from the damage caused even if removed

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Biological Hernia Mesh

- Derived from animal tissue (usually cow or pig skin or intestine) that is disinfected before it is implanted
- Fully absorbable, this mesh eventually degrades in the body and is expected to be replaced by new human tissue growth to strengthen the area bridged or patched

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Synthetic Hernia Mesh

- Can be made from both absorbable and/or non-absorbable materials
- Non-absorbable mesh products, including those made from polypropylene plastics, are considered permanent

Some types of hernia mesh products, particularly types of synthetic mesh, have been subject to recalls or are currently under review by government health agencies and regulators.

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- **Judgments in favor of these plaintiffs** or negotiated settlements with companies found liable, can provide these victims with financial awards to **compensate** them for their injuries, disabilities, or future medical needs (such as remedial surgeries).

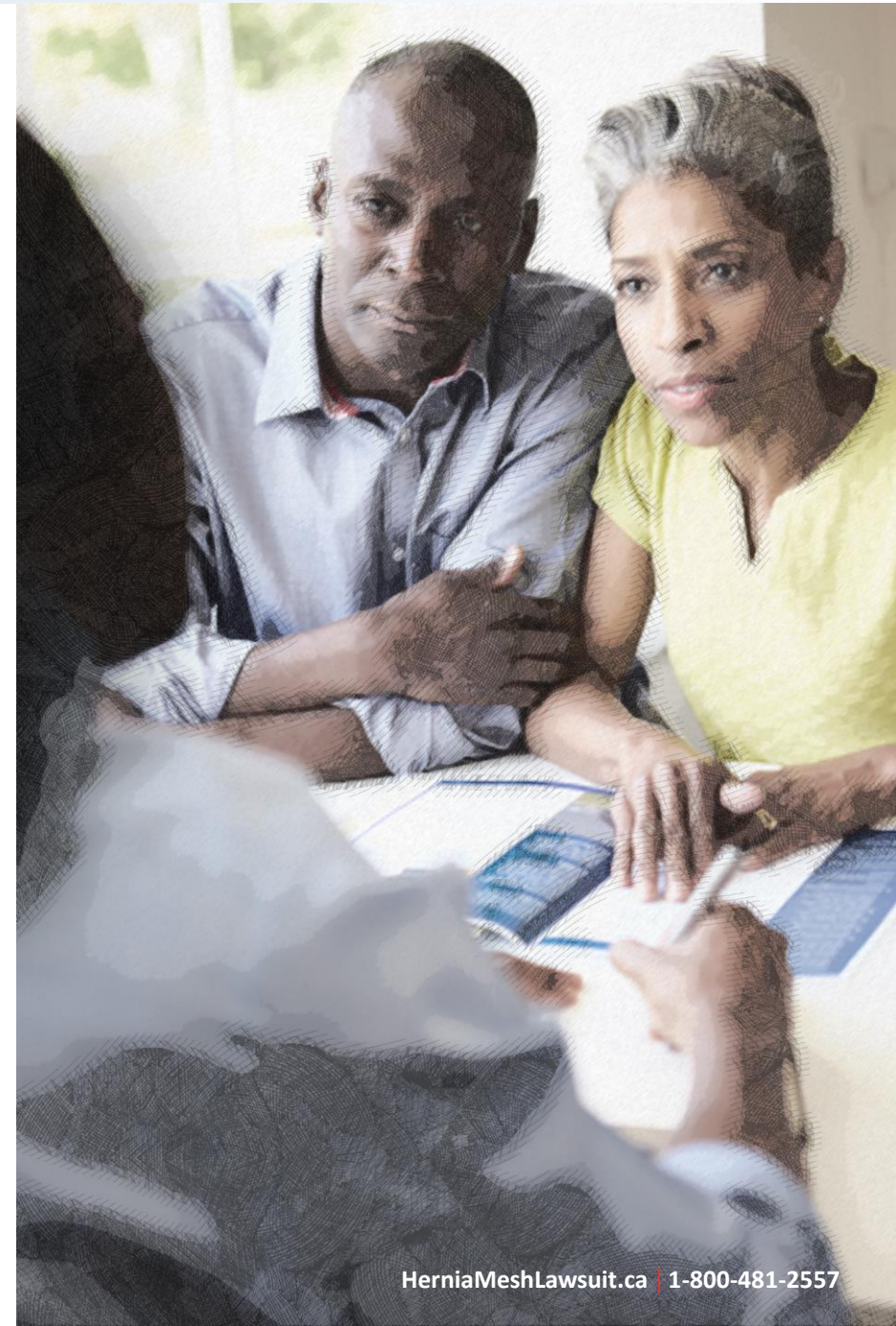
Do I Qualify to Join the Hernia Mesh Lawsuit?

A victim must sometimes meet a particular threshold or condition to join a defective hernia mesh mass tort lawsuit.

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The following situations are general indications that you may qualify:

1. You have experienced complications that you believe are the result of the defective mesh implant. These commonly include:
 - chronic pain (more than three months)
 - infection or abscess
 - hernia recurrence
 - mesh migration or adhesion
 - obstruction
 - fistula formation
 - organ perforation

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4. You require surgery to remove the hernia mesh product.

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 - are generally funded through contingency fees which help to facilitate participation by people who may not be able to pay for legal services up front.

Other Faulty or Defective Medical Devices and Implants

Hernia mesh is one of many faulty or defective medical devices and implants reported to have caused suffering, disability and death to users.



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Two faulty or defective medical devices and implants that have been subject to manufacturing recalls or warnings from health agencies and regulators include:

- St. Jude Defibrillator/Pacemaker
- SynchroMed II.



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If you have suffered harm from one of these products, a personal injury/product liability lawyer can help you to determine if you might be eligible to seek justice by participating in a lawsuit.



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- Over 10 years of experience advancing mass tort claims (individual lawsuits) and class actions on behalf of those injured by dangerous products, pharmaceuticals and medical devices

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- Trusted by victims who have suffered:
 - Exposure to asbestos, cancer caused by the use of baby powder
 - The side effects of pharmaceuticals like Taxotere and Abilify, and
 - Those adversely impacted by defective medical devices, including St. Jude Defibrillators, SynchroMed II and Hernia Mesh



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